

Create a Tune

This activity accompanies “The Fisher Child’s Lullaby,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5309.

Activity Title: Create a Tune

Description: The students will work with a small group to create a tune to accompany the lullaby.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Arts: Music

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Music Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create a tune to accompany the lullaby.

Materials:

- “The Fisher Child’s Lullaby” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, divide the students into small groups. Have the students work together with their groups to create a tune to accompany the lullaby. Instruct the students to think about the theme and mood of the poem while creating their tune. When the groups have finished, have them present their tunes accompanying the poem to the class.

